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### Assad says Syria will comply with UN arms resolution

Assad said that most European countries "are unable" to play a role in the much-delayed peace conference on Syria which is now being planned for mid-November in Geneva.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon pressed for the conference during his first meeting Saturday with Syria's opposition National Coalition chief Ahmad Jarba, who said he was ready to send a delegation to the conference, a UN spokesman said.

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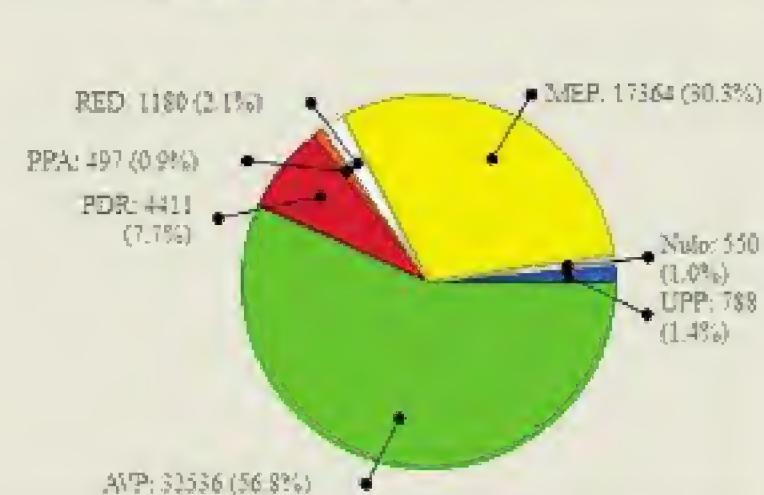


Mike Eman

As polls across Aruba closed at 7:00 PM on Friday, September 25, media commentators and the public prepared for the election results, and whether the present administration would continue to direct Aruba's future over the next four years. In 2009, the Arubaanse Volkspartij, AVP, the "green" party, lead by the present Prime Minister, Mike Eman, grandson of the party's founder, won a decisive victory with 12 seats of the 21-seat Parliament, over the Movimiento Electoral de Pueblo, or MEP, which had held the majority since 2001.

The past four years of the

Total di Voto 2013



AVP administration has been a time of extreme activity and change wrought by their energetic leadership. Aruban voters made it clear they approve

of their actions and vision, this past election day. Within only two hours, a resounding AVP triumph was evident.

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## Historic victory and public vote of confidence for AVP and Prime Minister Mike Eman

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By 9:00 PM, commentators were predicting at the very least, an AVP 11-seat win and retention of the reigns of Parliament.

By midnight, when only one or two polls out of 61 had not been counted, it was confirmed, except for the MEP stronghold of Santa Cruz, AVP had swept the island and won an historic 13 parliamentary seats.

Initial results revealed AVP had taken 80% of Oranjestad, and at the end of the evening, as the numbers from the heavily populated area of San Nicolas began pouring in, they demonstrated a clear landslide from both of Aruba's urban areas.

The counts from Santa

Cruz, despite being in the majority for MEP, led by Evelyn Wever-Croes, also showed that Aruba's "yellow" party had lost support in what is traditionally their voter epicenter, while AVP had gained votes. Two popular MEP politicians, Mervin Wyatt-Ras and Marisol Lopez-Tromp, had joined the AVP ticket this year, which may have contributed to this increased support for AVP.

Partido Democracia Real, or PDA, led by Andin Bikker, maintained their single seat in Parliament, with MEP candidates taking the rest. As results poured in, increased support was demonstrated for the "red" party, but not enough to win them additional seats. By midnight, AVP had a confirmed 12 seats, MEP had six, with a single seat additional for each party projected by commentators, while awaiting the final counts from two precincts.

Candelario "Booshi" Wever, long a stalwart MEP vote getter, had started his own party this year, Union Patriótico Progresista, UPP, which garnered only 1% of the overall vote. Par-

tido Patriótico Arubano, PPA, led by Benny Nisbit, a party that had great influence in Aruba's early years of independence, also earned only 1% of the vote. Red Eternal Democratico, RED, the "white" party founded by former priest Rudy Lampe, campaigned on the controversial platform of legalizing marijuana and same-sex marriage. This appeared to cost the party at the polls, and they lost support in all precincts over their 2009 showing, garnering only 2% of this year's votes, down from 5% in the last elections.

Official final results posted by the election commission are: AVP: 33,123 votes, MEP: 17,646, PDR: 4,513, RED 1,210, UPP: 805, and PPA: 613. Pending confirmation by the electoral committee, 57,803 valid ballots were cast from an eligible voter registry of 68,758, with 540 invalid ballots cast (improperly marked, blank, etc.) 84% of those eligible to vote went to the polls to exercise their constitutional right; nearly 5,400 more than in 2009.

By midnight, AVP had won 58% of the vote, an increase of 7% over 2009. MEP claimed 30% of the vote, a loss of 7% over 2009, and Democracia Real had garnered 8%, a 2% increase from 2009. At 1:00 AM on Saturday morning, Prime Minister Mike Eman, with his wife Doina and his #2 candidate, Benny Sevinger, at his side, delivered an impassioned speech of triumph to his enthusiastic supporters gathered at their headquarters in Oranjestad. This year's AVP campaign slogan, "Good Work...but there is more to do," seems a sentiment that the Aruban popu-



lace heartily agreed with, as AVP swept elections 2013 with the greatest majority of parliamentary seats taken by any one party in the history of Aruba's independence.

On Saturday, September 29, Prime Minister Eman visited the offices of Governor Fredis Refunjol to present the

resignation of all current ministers in his administration. Governor Refunjol and his cabinet will meet with all party leaders and other concerned stakeholders such as the Director of the Central Bank, to analyze the candidates and appoint a new cabinet.

By Rosalie Klein

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# Pointers to Ponder



The differences in workforce gender have always been a highly debated conversation topic. The speculation over why women still earn less than men, the debate over which gender makes better leaders, inherent differences over workplace personas and even how their networking habits differ have all been part of the debate.

In a small community like Aruba some of these issues are very evident and can play a major role in how employer and employee interact with each other. The question we raise is: when it comes to what employers are looking for in a potential employer, are men and women really all that different? My research tells me that they are really not very different. The difference on what job seekers value most about their current and potential employers is not related to gender, it applies to both men and women.

I did an extensive research some years ago and discovered the 8 essential qualities that employers look for in an employee...8 characteristics that make an employee excel. These characteristics are not gender related either. I have conducted seminars on this topic with much success to employee groups both locally and internationally.

The research also indicated that men and women showed little variation in



what they prioritize for factors like salary compensation, employee benefits, training and development. The only areas that showed a significant difference were advancement opportunities, work life balance and appreciation by management.

With respect to advancement, men are 25% more likely than women to value advancement in potential employers. On the other hand, women are 20% more likely than men to focus on work life balance (especially those women with active families). And, women are 15% more likely to focus on appreciation by their bosses.

Employers who promote career advancement as part of their brand message may have a slightly more masculine appeal, while brands built around the relationships and connections of the com-

pany may appeal more to the feminine group of employees.

My observation of the Aruban workforce indicate that differences between what men and women want, exist in some areas of the workforce, but they are not as significant as we might expect...especially because we have a small, multicultural work community. Yet, employers might be better off targeting their message by profession.

Looking at some popular professions, the findings indicate that, for example: Nurses (a female-dominated profession) are more likely than all men to give priority to work life balance.

Engineering (like work at places like WEB, ELMAR, the Refinery, some at SETAR, etc) (male dominated professions) is less likely than all men or women to give priority to work advancement. My seminar on the 8 characteristics that employers are looking for in an employee emphasizes the need for employers to define who their desired employee is, to understand what that employee wants, and to cre-

pany's... guaranteed!

In a small community such as Aruba, it is essential that we hire and keep the best of the best people and provide adequately for their needs in order to guarantee the best possible bottom line. And, ...to know exactly what to do with those employees we already have who may not measure up to the 8 characteristics!

**Note:** If you want to learn more about this highly effective seminar, please contact me without any commitment at: [tonyggreen.morningnews@hotmail.com](mailto:tonyggreen.morningnews@hotmail.com).

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# Aruba Election 2013 results

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1 Centro di Bario Noord	1113	19%	896	1369	22%	1070	5	4	472	655	96	117	0	13	258	249	65	32
2 St. Anna School	1022	19%	827	1102	19%	898	5	2	421	511	34	63	0	3	340	296	27	23
3 St. Aloysius School	1102	20%	881	1244	19%	1009	20	6	449	627	53	104	0	8	274	237	85	27
4 St. Aloysius School	1004	20%	801	1058	19%	854	5	1	388	465	46	74	0	14	298	272	64	28
5 Don Bosco Club	1065	27%	781	1183	25%	886	0	2	374	514	58	105	0	5	272	224	77	36
6 Colegio Felipe B. Tromp	985	21%	781	1129	16%	950	3	5	406	599	74	100	0	14	253	199	45	33
7 Scol Primario Kudawecha	1039	17%	859	1191	14%	1030	5	6	355	529	46	100	0	13	398	357	55	25
8 Scol Basico Washington	1185	21%	933	1306	18%	1075	10	8	440	590	77	87	0	13	361	354	45	23
9 Scol Basico Washington	1052	14%	904	1174	14%	1013	9	9	447	587	62	75	0	10	321	300	65	32
10 Bubali Sportclub	1038	18%	852	1157	13%	1002	5	8	436	569	83	113	0	10	274	268	54	34
11 Colegio Ora Ubao	1161	18%	956	1259	13%	1101	12	9	429	587	66	111	0	15	390	357	59	22
12 Colegio Ora Ubao	1225	14%	1049	1329	15%	1130	8	10	472	604	77	97	0	21	436	372	56	26
Noord - Tanla Leendert	12991	19%	10520	14501	17%	12018	87	70	5089	6837	772	1146	0	139	3875	3485	697	341
14 EPB Oranjestad	1143	21%	906	1153	16%	972	3	8	499	589	60	92	0	19	288	250	56	14
15 Colegio Bon Bini	1153	19%	934	1161	19%	942	6	7	714	758	48	40	0	3	139	124	27	10
16 St. Franciscus College	1179	17%	974	1251	15%	1060	3	8	674	769	61	81	0	10	194	165	42	27
17 Centro di Bario Playa Pabao	1155	15%	980	1256	16%	1053	3	7	679	799	51	57	0	5	217	173	30	12
18 Club Aruba Juniors	1154	21%	911	1175	18%	963	8	9	652	745	53	47	0	10	158	130	40	22
19 St. Dominicus College	1215	19%	980	1297	18%	1062	5	3	648	782	75	66	0	2	215	189	37	20
20 Maria College Mayo	1160	19%	941	1268	16%	1067	10	13	543	707	90	99	0	10	259	215	39	23
21 Colegio EPI	1084	19%	880	1123	20%	902	7	4	523	597	69	88	0	11	225	173	56	29
22 Scol Basico Reina Beatrix	1022	31%	710	929	33%	627	7	6	493	463	60	42	0	5	129	105	21	6
23 Colegio Arubano	1052	21%	829	1041	19%	842	3	3	538	636	68	52	0	9	183	134	37	8
24 Pius X School	1095	19%	892	1168	16%	981	8	5	536	636	51	79	0	11	275	237	22	13
25 Pius X School	1087	19%	879	1115	17%	926	7	8	645	690	34	35	0	4	168	174	25	15
26 Fatima College	1006	17%	834	1004	14%	864	2	9	501	576	37	56	0	13	270	193	24	17
60 Bijzondere Stembureau A	-	-	-	0	-	196		1		115		12	-	2		51	-	15
61 Bijzondere Stembureau B	-	-	-	0	-	122		0		63		4	-	1		53	-	1
Madiki - Oranjestad - Dakota - Camacuri	14505	20%	11662	14941	16%	12579	74	91	7647	8925	759	850	2	115	2722	2366	458	232
13 Maria Goretti College	1087	19%	885	1269	17%	1047	20	9	441	607	75	102	0	17	284	282	65	30
27 Colegio Conrado Coronel	1167	21%	926	1361	17%	1131	7	12	530	701	74	140	0	16	259	242	56	20
28 Colegio Conrado Coronel	1139	19%	922	1215	17%	1013	16	8	427	554	70	96	0	16	375	321	34	18
29 Colegio Pastoor Kranwinkel	1173	16%	985	1169	15%	991	3	7	428	501	70	90	0	11	427	359	57	23
30 Colegio Pastoor Kranwinkel	1060	16%	895	1338	14%	1148	5	7	498	710	54	85	0	17	304	313	34	16
31 Centro Caiquetio	1171	15%	1001	1277	11%	1133	8	2	458	616	58	100	0	23	426	378	51	14
32 St. Verstandelijk Gehandicapten Aruba	1234	16%	1033	1268	13%	1106	10	7	387	510	74	123	0	5	513	435	49	26
33 Emmaschool	1118	13%	973	1227	11%	1090	3	0	319	460	48	131	0	10	559	465	44	24
34 Emmaschool	1120	15%	953	1209	11%	1071	3	3	297	455	58	95	0	18	552	476	43	24
Paradera - Piedra Plat - Ayo	10269	17%	8573	11333	14%	9730	75	55	3785	5114	581	962	0	133	3699	3271	433	195

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## Culminating at 22nd anniversary of Café the Plaza: Free concerts at Aruba Wine And Dine Restaurants



As the seventh edition of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival is coming closer, the jazzy vibes are getting stronger on the island. Catching these vibes is easy this week, as there will be three free concerts preceding the big event, all held at Aruba Wine And Dine Restaurants. The first concert is held at Café the Plaza, when students of the School of Music will show what they're made of, showtime is at 7 pm. On Wednesday, it is time to get your salsa shoes out of the closet, as Sazon Cubano performs at the Arawak Garden. Sazon Cubano is a terrific band, which is specialized in Latin rhythms. Be sure to be at the Arawak Garden at 7:30 or earlier to get a good seat.

On Thursday, October 3

Luci and the Soul Brokers, also one of the superb bands of the Caribbean Jazz Festival, is going to take the stage at the MooMba Beach Bar at 7 pm. This band from Panama City plays self-composed music with funky, blues, rock and hip-hop influences and of course with a good dose of jazz.

After the Festival, on Sunday 22, Café the Plaza in the Renaissance Marketplace is treating everyone to its birthday party with Gualao, a group of innovative musicians from Colombia. The name gualao covers a new rhythm, created out the indigenous music of the Colombian coast and the southern sierra. Gualao's 13-men band tells an untold musical story: most interesting!

The band starts playing at 8 pm.

The anniversary of Café the Plaza deserves a short history lesson: 22 years ago Hans Nooter and Harry Koeiman took over a struggling restaurant in Harbourtown, as the Renaissance Marketplace was then called. Their touch proved to be gold: as soon as the place changed ownership, patrons appeared as if by magic. The secret of the Dutch Touch of these two: really good value, a nice menu and great meals in a relaxed and very welcoming atmosphere. Last December, many, many friends came to say a final goodbye to Hans, who sadly died after a short illness. Hans is still sorely missed by all.

By Heleen Bongers

## Boko Haram storm Nigeria college dorm, kill 40

KANO (AFP) - Boko Haram gunmen on Sunday opened fire in a college dormitory in northeast Nigeria as the students slept, killing at least 40 people, in the latest massacre blamed on the Islamist insurgents.

All of the dead were said to have been students of the College of Agriculture in the town of Gujba, some 30 kilometres (18 miles) from Damaturu, the capital of Yobe state.

The early morning attack was carried out by "Boko Haram terrorists who went into the school and opened fire on students" while they were sleeping, the military spokesman in Yobe, Lazarus Eli, told AFP.

An official at the Damaturu Specialist Hospital, who requested anonymity, said "40 bodies", all of whom appeared to be of university student age, had been received so far from Gujba.

Four others were being treated for gunshot wounds, he told AFP.

Hundreds of people "have

thronged to the hospital" including relatives of those who attend the college, trying to learn if their family members are among the victims, the hospital official added.

Yobe has seen a spate of attacks on schools and universities, all blamed on Boko Haram, an extremist group that has killed hundreds in its four-year insurgency.

The name Boko Haram means 'Western education is forbidden' and the group has become notorious for slaughtering students of various ages in recent years.

In July in the town of Mamudo in Yobe, Islamists threw explosives and sprayed gunfire into dormitories in the middle of the night, killing 41 students.

Presumed Boko Haram gunmen shot dead seven secondary school students and two teachers in Damaturu in June.

The military has described the recent school attacks as a sign of desperation by the Islamists, claiming they only have the capacity to hit soft targets.



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## US government shut-down likely ...

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US government was in deadlock Sunday after the House of Representatives approved a Republican bill that attempts to delay President Barack Obama's health care law.

Congress now has less than 48 hours to strike a deal that keeps the government open, but the ping-ponging of legislation is making that unlikely.

The House measure funds the government at current levels until mid-December, but also includes a one-year delay of the president's signature health care reform -- dubbed Obamacare -- and the repeal of a tax on medical devices.

The measure needs approval in the Senate, where Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid said it will be rejected.

"Now that the House has again acted, it's up to the Senate to pass this bill without delay to stop a government shutdown," House Speaker John Boehner said in a statement shortly after the vote. "Let's get this done."

The vote brings the federal government dramatically closer to its first shutdown in 17 years, which would require hundreds of thousands of federal workers to stay home.

After hours of raucous debate, the Republican-controlled House approved the measure just after midnight Saturday, voting largely along party lines.

Republican leaders set off a political firestorm when they announced Saturday that their stopgap federal spending bill sought to delay implementation of the health care law by one year.

The White House sharply rebuked the move, and warned it was a step toward shuttering federal agencies once the fiscal year ends Monday night.

Senate Leader Reid was uncompromising.

"To be absolutely clear, the Senate will reject both the one-year delay of the Affordable Care Act and the repeal of the medical device tax,"

Reid said.

Boehner nevertheless ploughed ahead with the strategy, convening a rare Saturday session as Congress struggled to break the funding impasse.

Under pressure from his Republican party's far-right conservative wing, Boehner doubled down on his caucus's bid to stop Obamacare.

"The American people will not be extorted by Tea Party anarchists," said Reid, referring to the ultra-conservative faction of Republicans.

He derided the House measure as "pointless" brinkmanship that could end in economic crisis.

Driving the point home, a Senate Democratic aide told AFP that it was "highly unlikely" the chamber would be in session before Monday.

'Hijacked' by 'extreme folks'

Given the Senate's likely rejection of the House bill in the waning hours of the fiscal year, a Republican aide acknowledged that a temporary shutdown was the likeliest scenario.

House Democrats, a minority force and largely powerless to stop the Republican legislation, worried that this was a repeat of 1995, when a similar budget deadlock resulted in a 21-day federal work stop.

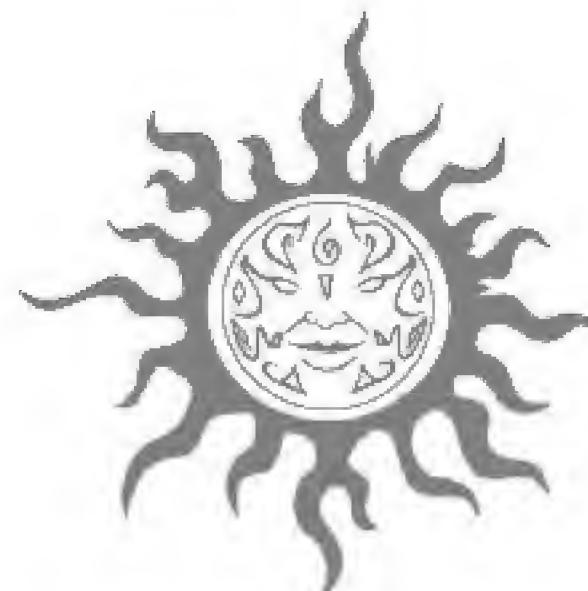
Democratic lawmaker David Scott said what was occurring was nothing less than "a shutdown being ordered by the Republican Party."

"The American people are never going to forget that it was you who shut down the government."

A chorus of criticism, which included centrist Republican senators, accused Tea Party-backed lawmakers of unwisely threatening a shutdown if they did not get their way.

As if anticipating a possible shutdown, House Republicans introduced a separate measure that would ensure US troops get paid in the event of a work stop.

The measure passed unanimously.



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## Assad says Syria will comply with UN arms resolution

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syria will comply with a UN resolution to destroy its chemical arsenal, President Bashar al-Assad said on Sunday, as weapons experts prepared to head to Damascus to begin the task.

In the latest violence, an air raid hit a high school in the northern rebel-held city of Raqa killing 16 people, including 10 students, as troops battled rebels on several fronts, a watchdog said.

A team of around 20 inspectors from the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is due in Damascus on Tuesday and will immediately meet regime officials, an OPCW official said.

On Monday another group of UN inspectors is due to

wrap up a probe into several alleged chemical attacks.

They hope to draft by late October a comprehensive report, which will also cover the August 21 attack in Damascus suburbs said to have killed hundreds of civilians with the nerve agent sarin.

The regime and the rebels have traded accusations of chemical weapons use during the 30-month war that has killed more than 110,000 people and forced two million to flee.

The United States threatened military action after the August 21 attack, in which it said regime forces had deliberately killed hundreds of civilians with rocket-delivered nerve agents.

Syria denied the allega-

tions but agreed to relinquish its chemical arsenal to head off a strike under a US-Russian deal which was enshrined in a landmark UN Security Council resolution.

In his first comments since the resolution was passed on Friday, Assad told Italy's Rai News 24 television his regime "will comply" with the resolution.

"Of course we will comply with it, and history proves that we have always honoured all treaties we have signed," he said, according to the state news agency SANA.

Assad also said warming relations between the United States and Syria's ally Iran could be beneficial for Damascus and the region, "so long as the United States is honest".

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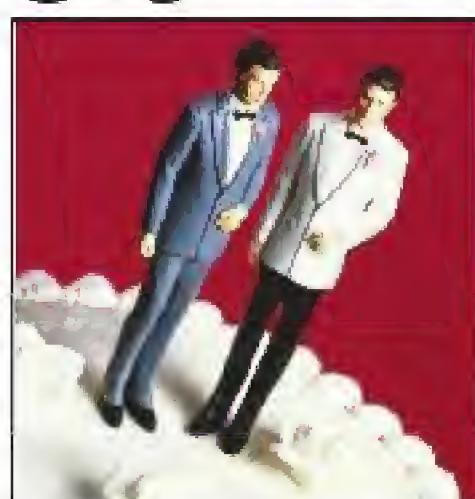
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## International News

### Judge orders New Jersey to allow gay marriage



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A judge has ordered the Northeastern US New Jersey to allow gay marriage, saying a ban goes against a historic Supreme Court ruling earlier this year.

Superior Court Judge Mary Jacobson ruled that such marriages should be authorized as of October 21, writing that "same-sex couples must be allowed to marry in order to obtain equal protection of the law under the New Jersey Constitution."

Gay couples in this small East Coast state have been able to enter into civil unions.

But in her decision Friday, Jacobson wrote that such unions kept gay couples from enjoying federal benefits.

Whereas before June's Supreme Court ruling "same-sex couples in New Jersey would have been denied federal benefits regardless of what their relationship was called, these couples are now denied benefits solely as a result of the label placed upon them by the state," she said.

The US Supreme Court struck down the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which prevented same-sex couples from enjoying the same rights as heterosexual couples.

New Jersey's Republican governor, Chris Christie, vetoed a bill to legalize gay marriage last year and his office indicated it would appeal Jacobson's decision.

The ruling marked the first time a judge used the recent Supreme Court decision to allow gay marriage in a state that bans it.

Experts say similar moves in other states could follow suit.

Thirteen US states and the capital Washington allow same-sex marriage in the United States.

### Peru declares state of emergency for quake-hit areas

LIMA (AFP) - Peru declared a 60-day state of emergency in various areas after a powerful magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck off the country's southern coast last week.

The measure, announced by Peru's council of ministers, aims to respond to needs in the country's vast southern region where mud houses collapsed in rural areas in three departments.

Emergency work will center on housing infrastructure, transportation links, schools and basic services affected by the earthquake, which civil defense workers say left at least six people injured.

Prime Minister Jimenez said the authorities were focusing on the water supply in damaged towns and that he has instructed regional governments to coordinate with civil defense workers.

The earthquake, which hit just before noon on Wednesday, occurred in the Pacific Ocean, with an epicenter 72 kilometers (45 miles) south of the town of Lomas.

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## Health & Living

### Japan to raid Novartis over alleged data fabrication: reports

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A health ministry panel of experts has concluded that Novartis Pharma KK should be held responsible for studies at various universities that used manipulated data on a popular blood pressure drug, the Asahi Shimbun and other media said.

The studies suggested the drug -- sold under the name Diovan in Japan and licensed for use in more than 100 countries -- had some prophylactic effect on strokes and angina.

The firm used data from the studies to market its drug, playing up its supposed additional benefits.

Upon receipt of the panel's interim report next week, "the health ministry plans to carry out an on-site investigation" into the company, the Asahi said.

Novartis has maintained that the company had no knowledge of episodes in which a now-former employee allegedly used bogus data in a string of Japanese university studies that exaggerated the drug's effectiveness in preventing strokes and angina.

### Children's Ombudsman calls for circumcision ban in Sweden

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - The Ombudsman for Children in Sweden called Saturday for the country to ban circumcision, a practice he said contravened the basic rights of boys.

"Circumcising a child without medical justification nor his consent contravenes this child's human rights," wrote Fredrik Malmberg in a text co-signed with health professionals and published in the daily newspaper *Dagens Nyheter*.

"The operation is painful, irreversible and can lead to dangerous complications," Malmberg said.

In 2001 Sweden passed a law authorising circumcision, which allows a religious authority to perform the operation if the child is under two months old. If the child is older than this, only a physician can carry it out.

The law also requires the consent of the parents and demands they are fully informed about

the operation and its implications.

The law has widespread support in Sweden and a proposal last October to ban circumcision from the far right party Sweden Democrats was rejected.

According to Malmberg the law contravenes the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The government estimates that some 3,000 boys are circumcised every year in Sweden.

In 2012, a court in Cologne, Germany said the rite amounted to grievous bodily harm in a ruling that caused international uproar.

The German parliament later decided to pass a law authorising the practice for religious reasons.

Studies have shown there is compelling evidence that male circumcision reduces the risk of heterosexually acquired HIV infection in men by approximately 60 percent.

### German dentist jailed for intimate videos of staff

BERLIN (AFP) - A German court on Friday jailed a dentist for two years and four months for secretly filming his female staff while they were changing clothes.

The 52-year-old man was convicted of 211 counts of violation of privacy using a recording device, the court in the eastern city of Gera said.

The dentist had installed a video camera in the changing room of his practice which was used by his female hygienists and receptionists.

His staff discovered the camera last year and reported it to the police.

Investigators found nearly 7,500 video files on the defendant's computer going back six years, showing eight

victims in their underwear or naked.

"The eyes of another have no place in a changing room," presiding judge Siegfried Christ said as he read the verdict, according to German news agency DPA.

"You get the sense that you have two passions -- being a dentist and being a peeping Tom," he told the defendant.

Christ said the dentist had shown no remorse during the trial.

Prosecutors had demanded a three-year jail sentence while the defence called for an acquittal.

The man, who was not identified by the court, is still practising dentistry but will likely now lose his licence.

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## Sci-Tech

# UN panel's climate report sparks concern

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Scientists, environmentalists and politicians reacted with concern Friday as a UN climate panel warned temperatures could rise by as much as 4.8 degrees Celsius (8.6 degrees Fahrenheit) this century due to man's voracious energy consumption.

"Yet another wake-up call," was how US Secretary of State John Kerry described the report by the Nobel-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which also underlined the peril of heatwaves, drought and floods and warned sea levels could rise by as much as 82 centimetres (32.8 inches).

"Those who deny the science or choose excuses over action are playing with fire," Kerry said in a statement.

The strongest scientific consensus yet that human activities drove warming since the 1950s, the report said heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions must be urgently curbed to limit further damage to the climate system.

UN climate chief Christiana Figueres said the document's

release in Stockholm was "an alarm clock moment for the world".

"To steer humanity out of the high danger zone, governments must step up immediate climate action" to meet the UN target of 2.0 C (3.6 F) from pre-Industrial Revolution levels, she said. This is the ceiling at which many experts believe the worst climate fallout can be skirted.

Based on computer models of different emissions trajectories, the report's most optimistic scenario projects average warming of 1.0 C (1.8 F) by 2100 over 2000 levels -- ranging from 0.3 to 1.7 C (0.5-3.1 F).

Previous research said global carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions, constantly scaling new highs, must peak around 2020 and then decline sharply for the lowest warming scenario to be possible. The world emits about 50 billion tonnes of greenhouse gas every year.

The IPCC's worst-case scenario projects average warming this century of 3.7 C (6.7 F) -- ranging from 2.6 C (4.7

F) to 4.8 C (8.6 F).

"Without very strong cuts in emissions of greenhouse gases, we face huge risks from global warming of more than 2.0 C by the end of this century," said British climate economist Nicholas Stern of the report.

Green groups said such levels threatened the livelihoods of fishermen and farmers, would leave millions hungry and exposed to extreme weather events, and risked engulfing entire communities in coastal areas or low-lying small island states.

"If we are to follow what the science says, then we have to stop investing in fossil fuels and increase investment in sustainable, renewable energy," said a statement from seven non-government organisations including WWF, Oxfam, and the International Trade Union Confederation.

"A bleak and hopeless future is not a foregone conclusion, it's a choice," added Greenpeace campaigner Stephanie Tunmore.

The decade ending 2010 had already been the warmest

on record, and marked by extreme weather events.

"We ignore these scientific warnings at our own peril," said Andrew Steer, head of the World Resources Institute, a US-based think-tank. "Climate change is here and it's advancing even faster than we realised."

University of Leeds climate professor and report co-author Piers Forster said new data revealed that humankind had been causing 40 percent more warming than was estimated

in the IPCC's 2007 report.

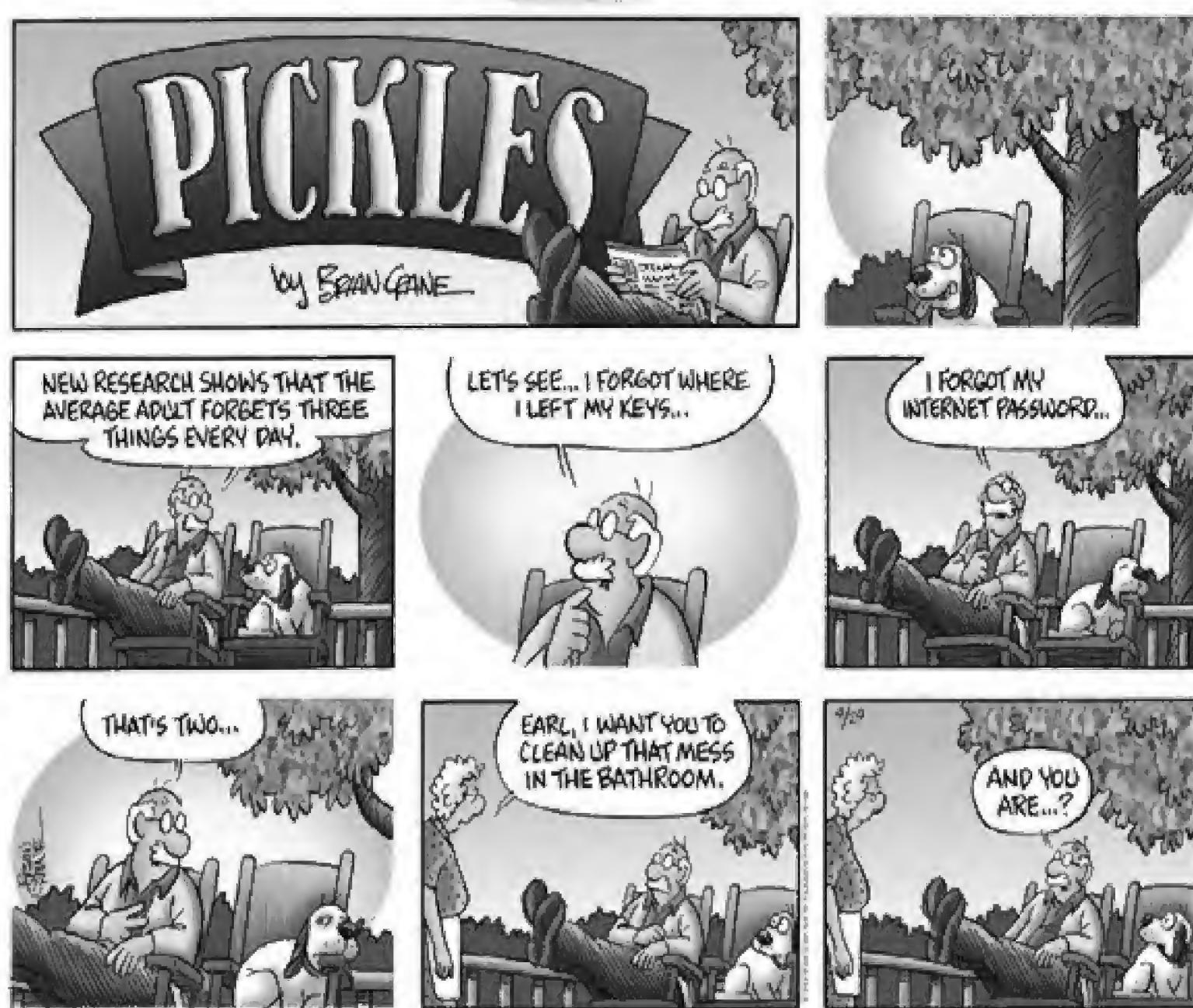
"Over much of the world, extreme rainfall will be heavier and occur more often and unless we begin to dramatically change our ways, we could have up to one metre (3.25 feet) and growing sea-level rise by 2100," he said.

In a video statement, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said the report was "essential" for governments thrashing out an ambitious global deal on curbing greenhouse gas emissions that must be signed by 2015.



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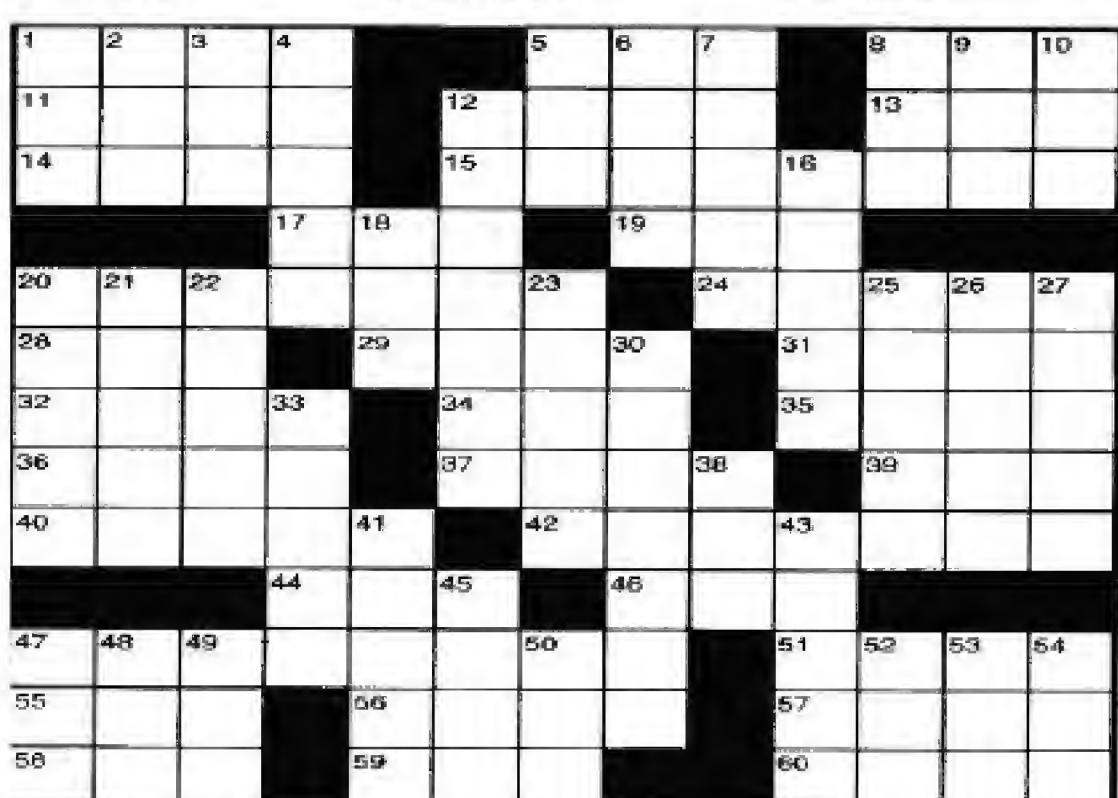
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## ACROSS

1. Doe's dear  
5. Bell and Kettle  
8. Kitty doc  
11. "Little Mermaid" prince  
12. "\_\_\_ cost you!"  
13. Greek letter  
14. Statuesque  
15. Rich pastry  
17. Big Ben's locale (abbr.)  
19. Professional snooper  
20. Adapt

24. Titles for kings  
28. Cable option (abbr.)  
29. Vacant  
31. Actress  
32. Tardy  
34. ESE's opp.  
35. Firefly's feature  
36. Sign  
37. Require  
39. Mamie's husband's nickname  
40. Disburdener  
42. Elderly one  
44. Pop's wife  
46. Grazing spot  
47. Youngster's companion  
51. Middle



## CROSSWORD

Simpson child  
55. Two (Sp.)  
56. U.S. citizen (abbr.)  
57. Stratford-on-  
58. Parts of a gal.  
59. Snare  
60. Co. section

**DOWN**

1. Position  
2. \_\_\_-la-la  
3. Have woes  
4. Sheet music sign (2 wds.)  
5. NYC transit org.  
6. Yodeler's range  
7. Spills over  
8. Sweater

neckline  
9. Ike's theater  
10. Bask in the sun  
12. Like a sore toenail, perhaps  
16. Telling fibs  
18. It comes before Dec.  
20. Sevigny of "Boys Don't Cry"  
21. President after Bush  
22. Students' jottings  
23. Sal of "Rebel Without a Cause"  
25. Fired up again  
26. Summon forth  
27. One who stitches  
30. Inhabitant  
33. Foe  
38. Ike's initials  
41. Cato, e.g.  
43. Caesar \_\_\_  
45. "Auntie \_\_\_"  
47. "At once" letters  
48. Batch  
49. Pack animal  
50. Vietnamese New Year  
52. "\_\_\_ had enough!"  
53. Drench  
54. Small insect

## SOLUTION



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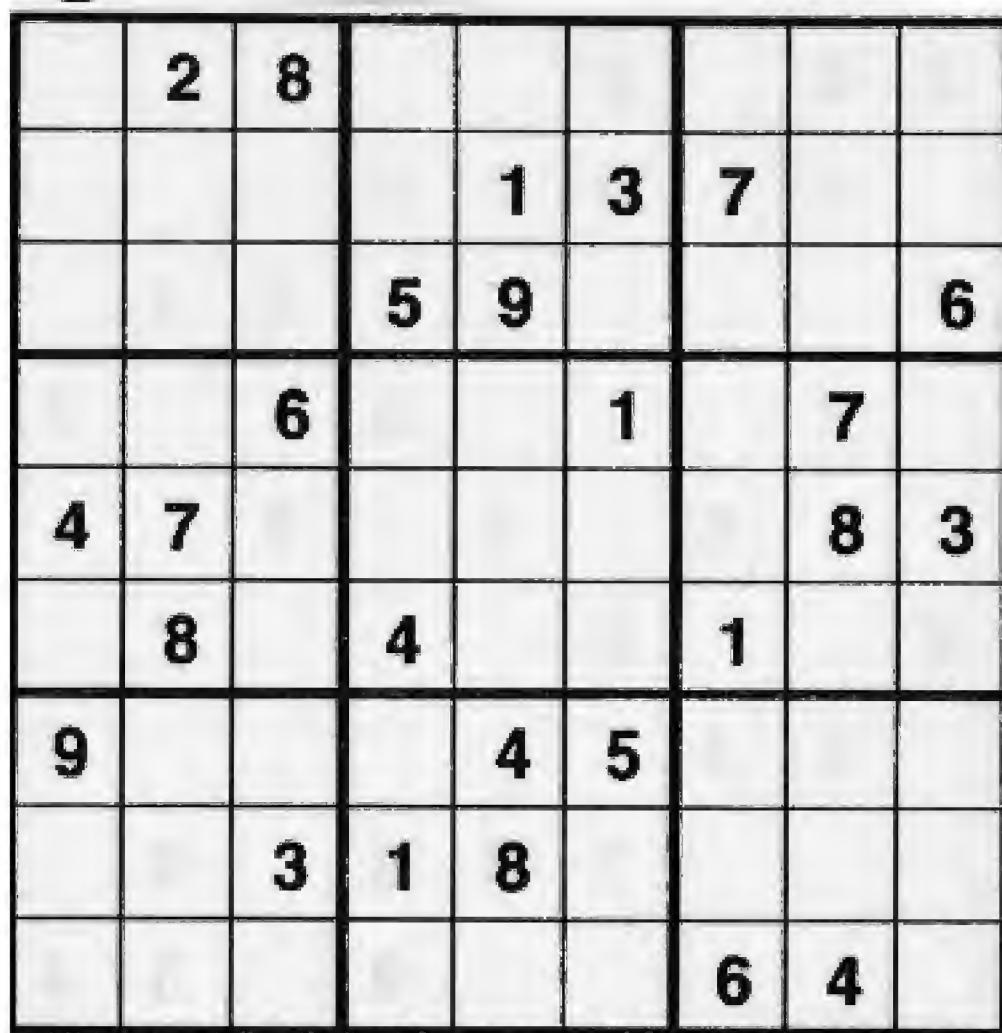
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## Siemens to cut 15,000 jobs worldwide by end 2014

BERLIN (AFP) - German engineering giant Siemens said Sunday it plans to slash 15,000 positions worldwide by late next year as part of a cost-cutting drive, including 5,000 in its home country.

The company aimed for many voluntary redundancies and to redeploy some staff within the vast company, which makes products from gas turbines to rail equipment to health care goods.

"The ongoing and planned workforce adjustments in the context of Siemens 2014 are about 15,000 positions worldwide, of which about 5,000 are in Germany," the Munich-based company said in a statement.

The "Siemens 2014" drive in total aims to save more than six billion euros (\$8.1 billion).

The conglomerate in July appointed Joe Kaeser as the new chief executive, replacing ousted Peter Loescher, days after Siemens had announced its second profit warning in two months.

Of the job cuts in Germany, 2,000 positions would be slashed in the company's industry division, 1,400 in energy, 1,400 in infrastructure and cities and 200 in the corporate division, the spokesman said.

The steps had been "discussed with all those concerned", with about half the redundancies to take effect in 2013 and the rest by the end of 2014, he said.

Earlier the Welt am Sonntag newspaper had quoted analysts as expecting about 10,000 job cuts next year.

Siemens has 370,000 employees worldwide, including 119,000 in Germany.

**LISBON (AFP)** - Portuguese voters took part in municipal elections Sunday seen as a first test of the austerity policies of the two-year-old centre-right coalition government. In exchange for a 78 billion euro (\$105 billion) rescue package in May 2011, Portugal's government has imposed tax hikes and wage and pension cuts in a bid to balance the budget, aggravating a downturn that has sent unemployment to a record 17.7 percent at the beginning of this year. Despite growing discontent, the Portuguese government has largely pushed forward with measures to repair public finances as it seeks further disbursements of bailout funding.

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## FINANCE

# 2014 budget: Now the horse-trading begins as parties vie for changes

DEN HAAG (AFP) - The coalition government is to start negotiations with opposition parties on changes to the 2014 spending plans in an effort to win their support for measures in the upper house of parliament.

Finance minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem is to send out the invitations and all parties represented in parliament will be invited to take part, the prime minister said.

The aim of the talks is to create 'broader support for the 2014 budget', Rutte said at the

end of two days of debate on the plans. The traditional post-budget debate on the government finances set for next week has now been postponed for a week.

Despite the olive branch, opposition MPs have their doubts about the likely success of the negotiations, Nos television said on Friday. Party leaders have expressed disappointment at the lack of concrete proposals from the prime minister.

The talks are also likely to cause friction between minis-

ters, employers and unions who drew up a major package of jobs market reforms earlier this year.

The CDA and D66 opposition parties want plans to reform redundancy law and cut unemployment benefit brought forward but both unions and employers oppose this.

The prime minister did say that plans to cut spending on the AIVD secret service may be put on ice and that he would look again at reducing the rise in petrol and alcohol duties.

## Socialists refuse to join budget negotiations

DEN HAAG (AFP) - The Socialist party has refused to join the budget negotiations which begin on Monday, saying to do so would be 'completely futile'.

The negotiations, which will be led by finance minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem, follow last week's two-day debate in parliament, which underlined the width of the gulf between the coalition government's 2014 budget plans and the opposition parties.

The government hopes the negotiations will lead to broader opposition support for its spending plans which it needs to get the measures through the upper house of parliament where it does not have a majority.

Jobs and spending power

Socialist party (SP) leader Emile Roemer said on Saturday his party will not take part in the negotiations. 'It is time to invest in jobs and spending power,' he told the media. And SP senator Tiny Kox told journalists: 'There is no point in talking if the government clings to its extra cuts of €6bn in 2014 and other plans the SP rejects.'

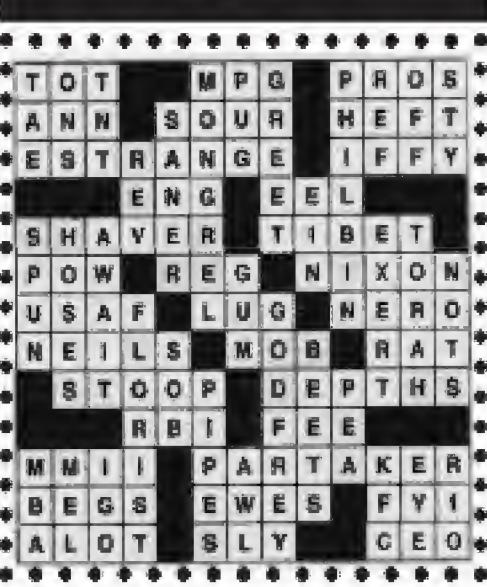
Anti-immigration PVV party leader Geert Wilders has already said he will not attend the talks.

With the finance minister hosting the negotiations rather than prime minister Mark Rutte, opposition leaders have decided to send their finance representatives instead of attending them-

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The restaurant is owned and run by Josef Munzenhofer, a local Aruban who kept many of the father's traditional recipes and added new entrees. The menu is a wide and varied menu that is focused mainly on fresh caught local seafood dishes and for the not seafood lover's, poultry, lamb, angus cut beef, pasta and duck. On a daily basis the chef creates specials including a daily soup. Every food item on the menu is made from



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scratch every day. Some popular food choices are the "Barracuda Meunière" with a light caper lemon sauce, "Shrimp Trio" your choice of three types of shrimp entrees, "Seduction of the sea" a medley of grilled seafood favorites served with pasta and vegetables, Ceviche & Escargot are among the best sellers for appetizers and if you love rack of lamb with mint sauce than feast on this.

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Fish

## Philippines celebrates its first Miss World winner



MANILA (AFP) - The Philippines -- where beauty contests are a serious affair -- celebrated on Sunday its first victory in the Miss World contest, despite hardline Islamic protests against the event in the host country Indonesia.

The triumph of 23-year-old Megan Young was the main headline in major newspapers, who noted that it finally gave the Philippines a winner in all major beauty pageants after several victories in the Miss Universe and Miss International contests.

President Benigno Aquino's communications secretary Ramon Carandang congratulated Young in a statement, saying the administration was proud of her achievement.

"Over the course of the competition, Ms. Young displayed to the world the beauty, the grace, and the compassionate spirit of the Filipina and has become a source of great pride and inspiration for the Filipino people," his statement said.

"May her triumph remind all Filipinos of what we are capable of," he added.

"Finally, the blue-beaded crown for the Philippines," the Manila Bulletin said in its main story.

The newspapers also mentioned the tight security at the Miss World pageant in the Indonesian resort island of Bali, following weeks of hardline Muslim protests that forced the event to be relocated from its original planned venue near Jakarta.

Thousands of protesters had earlier taken to the streets across Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority country, to denounce the contest.

But in the mainly Roman Catholic Philippines, the victory of Young -- a film student at a prominent university -- was a cause for celebration especially on social media.

Beauty queens in the Philippines have often gone on to successful careers as actresses and fashion models.

But Young is already a showbiz veteran, having hosted and starred in several TV shows and movies since 2005.

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"Murano Glass" is only made on the island of Murano. Murano is one of the islands that compose Venice, "Venezia" in Italian.

Murano Bijoux and More is the first and only store with the concept of Murano home decorations and jewelry in the Caribbean. They have a selection of authentic murano art to

make your house look spectacular, and fine jewelry made of glass, using many ancient techniques from the best glass masters in Venice/Italy.

The manager, Esmeralda Saetta, came with this idea since she has an Italian background, she has worked for years in the tourism business in Aruba, but now she wanted to start a new project with her family, and at the same time honor part of her heritage.



They bring to Aruba the best brands from Murano, such as "Antica Murrina", "Tessuto", "Corte Murrina" and others.

The magnificent appearance and coloring of murano glass is achieved by adding gold or silver foil to the glass mixture and/or adding minerals such as zinc for white, cobalt for blue, manganese for violet, and so on, the glass is not painted, that's why it never

will change color.

Murano Bijoux and More is a piece of Venice in Aruba.

**Location:** Paseo Herencia Mall, local C-10.

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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Cruces has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they feel secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our



concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when

complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services pro-

gram. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

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### Mack van Eerenbeemt grabs bronze at south American Youth Games in Peru



Recently Aruba got the good news that another medal was won at the Youth Games in Peru, this time it was bronze.

Mack van Eerenbeemt positioned himself in third place from the beginning of the

windsurfing competition among strong competitors from Argentina and Venezuela.

The windsurfing competition was 5 days and consisted of 12 races. After the second racing day, Mack was in po-



sition three. But on the fourth day a competitor from Uruguay took over the third place from the young Aruban surfer. Medal chances seemed very vague at this



time. But Mack did not give up and on the last day of races he fought back and claimed the third spot again to take home bronze.

A tremendous feat no doubt. Good job Mack, and congratulations, Aruba is proud of you!

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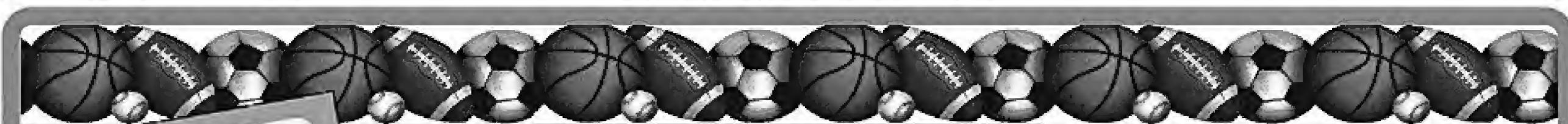
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## MLB: Pettitte hurls complete game win in farewell

HOUSTON (AFP) - Andy Pettitte made a triumphant farewell to Major League Baseball, the 41-year-old southpaw pitching a complete game Saturday as the New York Yankees defeated Houston 2-1.

Pettitte, who spent 15 of his 18 seasons with the Yankees, threw 114 pitches in his first complete game since 2006. That was the last of his three seasons with his hometown Astros.

Allowing only five hits while striking out five batters and surrendering only two walks, Pettitte finished 11-11 in his final season for the 256th triumph of his career before walking off a major-league mound for the final time.

Pettitte never finished with



a losing record in any season thanks to the victory.

All the runs the Yankees needed came across home plate in the sixth inning. Robinson Cano hit a run-scoring single, and a throwing error by Houston catcher Matt

Pagnozzi produced the deciding run.

The Astros saw their team-record losing streak stretch to 14 games, making them only the third club since 1970 to lose 110 games in a single season.

## MLB: After 100 defeats, Marlins find new leaders

MIAMI (AFP) - Major League Baseball's Miami Marlins completed a front-office restructuring on the final day of the season on Sunday as a 100-loss season of futility came to an end.

The Marlins named Michael Hill, the team's general manager, as president of baseball operations and Dan Jennings, a vice president of player development and assistant general manager, as the new general manager.

The moves came two days after the firing of president of baseball operations Larry Beinfest and special assistant to the president of baseball oper-

ations Jim Fleming.

The Marlins entered the final game of the season at 61-100 after going 69-93 last year, their first season in a new downtown ballpark.

"It has always been our policy not to communicate publicly about people's careers until final decisions have been reached," Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria said.

"For that reason, I wanted to wait until the end of the season to make these announcements. I hope this clarifies the situation and allows us to get back to the important work of improving our team for the 2014 season."

## Aragon Grand Prix



ALCANIZ (AFP) - Spanish rookie Marc Marquez closed in on the MotoGP world championship with a sixth race victory of the year in the Aragon Grand Prix on Sunday. The 20-year-old passed reigning world champion Jorge Lorenzo with 10 laps remaining to move 39 points ahead of his compatriot with just four races remaining. Seven-time world champion Valentino Rossi held off pressure from Alvaro Bautista to take third. However, it was a disastrous day for Marquez's Honda teammate Dani Pedrosa as he crashed out to all but end his hopes of a first ever championship in this category. As in many races this season it was Lorenzo who made the fastest start as he leapfrogged Marquez, who had started on pole, to move into the lead.

Repsol Honda Team's Spanish rider Dani Pedrosa (L) falls behind Yamaha Factory Racing's Spanish rider Jorge Lorenzo during the MotoGP race.

## Flame lit for Sochi 2014 Winter Games



ATHENS (AFP) - Greek actress Ino Menegakie acting as the priestesses passes the flame to the first torch bearer, Greek skier Giannis Anoniou, at the Temple of Hera on September 29, 2013 during the lighting ceremony in ancient Olympia the sanctuary where the Olympic Games were born in 776 B.C. The Olympic flame was lit in Ancient Olympia in Greece, in a solemn ceremony filled with mystery and tradition that signals the final countdown to the start of this year's winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

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## Pro sports eye comeback, cash in Cuba

HAVANA (AFP) - Communist Cuba has put the world on notice it has warmed to professional sports after more than five decades, and will let stars sign big contracts abroad without having to defect.

New rules announced Friday take effect in January and are aimed at "perfecting sports, generating sources of income, and encouraging quality," the government acknowledged in the Communist Party newspaper Granma.

Generating sources of income is key. Money is critical to President Raul Castro's severely cash-strapped nation, the only one-party Communist regime in the Americas.

For decades, through and after the Cold War, Cuba thumbed its nose at international pro sport, paying hard-working and fabled athletes close to nothing for the honor of representing their proud nation.

Havana said it will let its sport stars sign with international clubs as long as they maintain their responsibilities to Cuba. Havana did not immediately detail what cuts it would expect in such potential future deals.

This should throw open the door for more and more of Cuba's baseball players -- re-

garded as among the world's best -- to net big paydays in professional leagues overseas.

If there is no recruiters' stampede, it should not be long in coming. For decades, those who could find a way to defect from baseball-obsessed Cuba often did so, even risking their lives in dangerous sea crossings.

Local salaries are about \$20 a month plus perks, while millions of dollars often are an achievable dream for top talent in the United States.

There are more than two dozen Cuban defectors in the US National Baseball League.

Among the newly announced changes -- aimed more at recognizing individual achievement -- was that sports people and their teams will keep all prize money they win in international tournaments.

Until now, the state has kept 85 percent of cash earnings.

The winner of an Olympic medal, for example, would earn 1,500 pesos per month (\$62 on official exchange rates). A gold medalist at a world championship would garner 1,300 pesos.

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